

# University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass Boston)

## Fact Sheet

	<p><b>About UMass Boston</b></p> <p>The University of Massachusetts Boston is deeply rooted in the city's history, yet poised to address the challenges of the future. It was established in 1965. Recognized for innovative research, metropolitan Boston's public university offers its diverse student population both an intimate learning environment and the rich experience of a great American city. UMass Boston's 11 colleges and graduate schools serve nearly 17,000 students while engaging local and global constituents through academic programs, research centers, and public service. To learn more, Visit <a href="https://www.umb.edu/">https://www.umb.edu/</a> List of departments <a href="https://www.umb.edu/academics">https://www.umb.edu/academics</a></p> <p>Exchange Student Website: <a href="https://www.umb.edu/academics/global-programs/international-exchange-students/">https://www.umb.edu/academics/global-programs/international-exchange-students/</a></p>
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<p><b>Academic Calendar</b></p>	<p>Fall semester: first week of September – mid December  Spring semester: end of January – end of May  For current calendar: <a href="https://www.umb.edu/registrar/academic_calendar">https://www.umb.edu/registrar/academic_calendar</a>  There is a mandatory student orientation usually one week before the classes start.</p>
<p><b>Official Language</b></p>	<p>English</p>
<p><b>Languages used</b></p>	<p>English</p>

<b>Language Requirements (if applicable)</b>	Minimum TOEFL iBT score 79 and/or minimum IELTS 6.0 or equivalent scores from <a href="#">J-Check/iTEP</a> . For the specific scores required by UMass Boston departments and colleges, different than the one posted here, check <a href="#">here</a>
<b>Do you offer Intensive Language courses?</b>	ESL courses are offered at all levels through CE (Continued Education) but the courses are not covered under the tuition waiver for exchange students. <a href="https://www.umb.edu/academics/caps/esl">https://www.umb.edu/academics/caps/esl</a>
<b>Eligibility (qualifications/restrictions)</b>	Students must be nominated by the home university; attended at least one year on the home campus; be in good academic standing; and meet language requirements.
<b>Workload</b>	Minimum 12 US credits per semester (usually 4 courses, 3 credit per course) for undergraduates, and 9 credits (3 courses) for graduate students.
<b>Academic Program and Courses</b>	<p>The students are eligible to participate in all programs except <b>Nursing and CAPS</b> (College of Advanced &amp; Professional Studies). For courses which have under Session: Special Pricing, the tuition waiver doesn't apply. Courses in clinical Psychology are not open for non-degree students. There are no programs created specifically for exchange students.</p> <p><a href="#">Some courses are only open to matriculated degree students.</a></p> <p><b>College of Management:</b> Limited courses open for non-degree registration. Please review their <a href="#">registration policies for non-degree students</a>. Students should plan on taking courses outside of the College of Management if, for whatever reason, they cannot get enrolled into the CM courses.</p> <p>Check course catalog for current semester course offerings: <a href="https://www.umb.edu/academics/course_catalog">https://www.umb.edu/academics/course_catalog</a></p>
<b>Application Procedure</b>	<p>Complete exchange student application form (online) and supporting documentation.</p> <p>For application and guidelines, check the website: <a href="https://www.umb.edu/academics/global/exchange">https://www.umb.edu/academics/global/exchange</a></p> <p>Supporting documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An official transcript(s), in English, of courses previously completed</li> <li>• Minimum TOEFL score of 79-80 (Internet-Based) or 213 (Computer-Based) for both Undergraduate and Graduate students (see above for language requirements)</li> <li>• Evidence of funding (\$1,500 per month X number of months of intended stay at UMass Boston) in the form of a scholarship award letter, or personal bank statement, or an affidavit of support from parents/sponsor accompanied by evidence of that individual's ability to finance your studies</li> <li>• A copy of your Passport page (if available)</li> </ul>

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<b>Application Deadlines</b>	<p>Full academic year (Sept. to May) – April 1</p> <p>Fall semester only (Sept. to December) - April 1</p> <p>Spring semester only – November 1</p>
<b>Acceptance</b>	<p>Once nominated, students will receive an email from us with the online application link sent to their email (submitted with your nomination). Acceptance letters will be sent approximately one month after the application deadline by email to students email addresses.</p>
<b>Visa</b>	<p>Form DS2019 will be sent to the student's email address until further notice. Students will enter the U.S. on a J-1 student visa (non-degree seeking) and it is the student's responsibility to apply for a visa.</p>
<b>Health Insurance</b>	<p>Students are required to have insurance coverage that is considered comparable to the <a href="#">insurance</a> that the U.S. Department of State requires for J-1 visa holders. Students may purchase the University of Massachusetts Boston student insurance, or from the other carrier that meets the required standards.</p>
<b>University Fees</b>	<p><b>NEW as of Fall 2025:</b></p> <p>Mandatory fees unable to be waived under exchange agreement, per semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student ID Card Fee: \$12</li> <li>MBTA (Our Metro) Subsidy Fee (Undergraduate Only): \$20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This fee is paid by all students, and students including exchange students can apply for a semester MBTA pass discounted through this fund: <a href="https://www.umb.edu/transportation/mbta/">https://www.umb.edu/transportation/mbta/</a> I will also include the information attached.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Non-degree student registration fee: \$10</li> <li>Courses with Lab fees (if applicable), paid by the student only if they enroll in courses with mandatory lab fees such as Chemistry, Biology, Music. These fees vary by lab course and the exact fees are listed under the course description when students are searching for courses.</li> </ul> <p><b>Total fees: \$42 + any applicable lab fees</b></p> <p>Waivable Fees: (Students Must Waive):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MassPIRG (<a href="http://www.masspirgstudents.org">www.masspirgstudents.org</a>): \$9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>MassPIRG Fee:</b> The Massachusetts Student Public Interest Research Group (MASSPIRG) is a statewide, student-directed, student-funded, nonpartisan advocacy organization working on environmental, consumer, higher education, voter registration, and hunger and homelessness issues. MASSPIRG student chapters across the state pool resources through a waivable fee each semester and hire professional staff to work with students on these issues. Volunteer, leadership, and internship opportunities are available for students on campus. Students can waive fee on WISER during the semester.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Mass Media (student newspaper): \$17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mass Media Fee</b> provides sustained funding for the operating costs of UMass</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>Boston's student newspaper. Students can waive fee on WISER during the semester. <a href="http://www.umassmedia.com">http://www.umassmedia.com</a></p> <p>Opt-in only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University Provided Health Insurance: (students must request to opt-into health insurance policy, otherwise they are not enrolled or charged): \$1,383.10 for Fall 2025, \$1,934.34 Spring 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ More information on the insurance policy available to exchange students, otherwise they must procure health insurance that meets US State Department Requirements for the J-1 Visa <a href="https://www.umb.edu/bursar/health-insurance/">https://www.umb.edu/bursar/health-insurance/</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Transcripts</b>	<p>Request for <b>Official transcripts</b> only electronically  <a href="https://www.umb.edu/registrar/records_grades/records">https://www.umb.edu/registrar/records_grades/records</a></p> <p>(The Office of Global Programs does not have access to student records, students must request the transcript themselves using the link above. Transcripts can be sent electronically by email or hard-copy by mail.)</p>
<b>Numbers of exchange students</b>	<p>According to each specific student exchange agreement with a partner university; in total approximately 50 incoming exchange students per semester.</p>
<b>Estimate of Living Expenses</b>	<p>\$1,500 USD per month x 4 for the semester</p>
<b>Average temperature</b>	<p>Fall semester - daily mean: 22 °C high to -2 °C low  Spring semester -daily mean: -2 °C low up to 23 °C high</p>
<b>Student populations (domestic / int'l students)</b>	<p>Approximately 17,000 students  International students 2400 (before 2020)  Student Buddy Program: <a href="https://www.umb.edu/academics/global-programs/global-ambassadors/">https://www.umb.edu/academics/global-programs/global-ambassadors/</a></p>
<b>Other remarks Map Mobile App</b>	<p>Browse for the latest information and photos on UMass Boston website <a href="https://www.umb.edu/">https://www.umb.edu/</a></p> <p>Interactive UMass Boston active map of the university facilities: <a href="https://www.umb.edu/map">https://www.umb.edu/map</a></p> <p>The UMass <b>Boston Mobile App</b> is free and available on iOS (iPhone and iPad) and Android.  <a href="https://www.umb.edu/marketing/mobile-app/">https://www.umb.edu/marketing/mobile-app/</a></p>